

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4980  
INFO USMISSION GENEVA  
AMCONSUL MONTREAL  
ALL OTHER CONGENS IN CANADA POUCH

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USMTN

GENEVA FOR USDEL MTN

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETRD, CA  
SUBJECT: PROVINCIAL FINANCE MINISTERS SUPPORT TRADE  
LIBERALIZATION

1. SUMMARY. GOC HAS CONSULTED WITH PROVINCIAL FINANCE  
MINISTERS ON MTN AND APPEARS TO HAVE SUPPORT FOR SUB-  
STANTIAL TRADE LIBERALIZATION IN MTN. END SUMMARY.

2. FIRST ITEM ON AGENDA OF PROVINCIAL FINANCE MINISTERS,  
MEETING THIS WEEK IN OTTAWA WITH RECENTLY APPOINTED  
FEDERAL FINANCE MINISTER JEAN CHRETIEN, WAS CANADA'S  
POSITION AT MTN. IN HIS OPENING REMARKS, CHRETIEN GAVE  
OBLIGATORY RECOGNITION TO PARTICULAR PROVINCIAL CONCERNS  
AND STRESSED CANADA WOULD DO NO MORE THAN RECIPROCATATE  
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TRADE CONCESSIONS IT RECEIVED. BUT CHRETIEN'S REMARKS  
CLEARLY SIGNALLED TO PROVINCES THAT GOC FELT SUBSTANTIAL  
REDUCTION IN GLOBAL PROTECTION LEVELS WAS DESIRABLE. HE  
THEN SAT BACK TO LISTEN.

3. PROVINCIAL FINANCE CHIEFS, WHILE CAREFUL TO HEDGE  
THEIR RESPONSES, GENERALLY GAVE SUPPORT TO GOC LINE.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC BOTH STRESSED NEED FOR LOWERING PROTECTION GRADUALLY AND FOR ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE -- WITH QUEBEC SAYING SPECIAL SHORT-TERM ACCOUNT NEEDED TO BE TAKEN OF ITS AILING TEXTILE, FOOTWARE AND FURNITURE INDUSTRIES. WESTERN PROVINCES WERE QUITE POSITIVE, TAKING VIEW THAT THEY STOOD TO PAY LESS FOR FINISHED GOODS -- WHETHER FROM EASTERN CANADA OR ABROAD. NOT MUCH WAS HEARD FROM MARITIMES.

4. COMMENT: IN COMMENT TO AMBASSADOR, JAKE WARREN, CANADA'S MTN COORDINATOR, DESCRIBED OUTCOME OF MEETING AS QUITE SATISFYING TO GOC. SUCCESSFUL PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION IS A MAJOR STEP FOR GOC IN LAYING INTERNAL GROUNDWORK TO SUPPORT SUBSTANTIAL NEGOTIATION. ENDERS

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